

FRENCH (BA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Arts in French

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>) (AS)

Department: Classical and Modern Languages (<http://modernlanguages.louisville.edu/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): FRENBA

Program Information

French is a language spoken on five continents and in over 50 countries of the world where it is used regularly in government, business, and, of course, in everyday life.

The French program at UofL offers a wide range of classes from beginning French to courses in literature, culture, media, linguistics, translation, and film.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements	22
	Program/Major Requirements ¹	31
	Supporting Courses	37
Minimum Total Hours		121

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Admission to the BA in French requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on courses in the major.

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [*]	31

The following course is required by the program and can satisfy the respective General Education Requirements:

FREN 250	Introduction to the French-Speaking World - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
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^{*}All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
	Foreign Language ¹	12
	Electives in Social Sciences or Natural Sciences ^{2,3}	9
	WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above ⁴	
Minimum Total Hours		22

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
French Department		
FREN 201	Continuing French Language and Culture I	4
FREN 202	Continuing French Language and Culture II	3
FREN 321	French Conversation	3
FREN 322	Written Expression - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁵	3
FREN 331	French Civilization	3
FREN 332	France Today	3
FREN 455	Reading in French	3
FREN 524	Theory and Practice of Translation	3
FREN 590	Senior Capstone - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
	French elective at the 300 level or above	3
Minimum Total Hours		31

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
FREN 250	Introduction to the French-Speaking World - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
or M L 250	Introduction to the French-Speaking World - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Electives in Humanities disciplines, other than French, at 300 level or above ⁶		6
Minimum Electives ⁷		28
Minimum Total Hours		37

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
FREN 590	Senior Capstone - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

- ¹ Completion or demonstration / proof of competency at the intermediate level of a foreign language
- ² Additional 3 hours of Arts and Sciences programmatic requirement in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences is met in supporting coursework.
- ³ In addition to courses counted toward General Education; 6 hours must be at the 300 level or above
- ⁴ May be incorporated into other degree requirements
- ⁵ Fulfills WR requirement.
- ⁶ Majors in one foreign language may count courses at the 300 level or above in another foreign language toward this requirement.
- ⁷ Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

Flight Plan

Year 1		
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
FREN 201	Continuing French Language and Culture I	4
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B		4
Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
FREN 202	Continuing French Language and Culture II	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences US Perspectives - SBP1		3

General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Fall		
M L 250 or FREN 250	Introduction to the French-Speaking World - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Introduction to the French-Speaking World - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
FREN 321	French Conversation	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities-AH		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		1
Hours		16
Spring		
FREN 322	Written Expression - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Humanities Elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science or Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective or French Elective		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
FREN 331	French Civilization	3
General Elective		3
General Elective or French Elective		3
Humanities WR Elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science or Natural Science Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15
Spring		
FREN 332	France Today	3
General Elective or French Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Social Science or Natural Science WR Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
FREN 455	Reading in French	3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
FREN 524	Theory and Practice of Translation	3
FREN 590	Senior Capstone - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		121

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings

and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.
 - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
 - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)